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**For: Method and System in an
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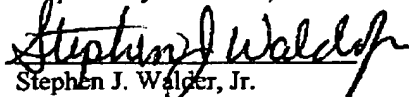
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In response to the Final Office Action dated January 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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